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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Rambabu Bavirisetty

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: STANCOG 2000/01 FTIP AMENDMENT No. 8

We have completed our review of the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Amendment No. 8 to its 2000/01 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted by your letter dated May 21, 2001. The amendment was adopted by StanCOG on April 11, 2001, and modifies the Garst Road project.

We accept this StanCOG amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 8, 1996, on single mode FTIP amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of StanCOG's FTIP Amendment No. 8 into California's 2000/01 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

/s/ K. Sue Kiser
For
Michael G. Ritchie
Division Administrator